establish how broad based and wide-spread was the struggle for India's freedom and how sons of motherland made a concerted attempt for it. This lends solidarity to Indian Nationhood which had begun to emerge from the beginning of 19th century.

Publication of such bulletins is, therefore, a very useful contribution to Historical knowledge. Other State Archives should, therefore, start publications of similar news-bulletins to place original material at the disposal of Researchers. Hence the accompanying resolution.

Standing Committee's view

The resolution is quite a landable one. But it is doubtful every the State Archives will have the resources and the sufficient experience to bring out such journals regularly. The National Archives of India had faced enarmour difficulties to bring out"The Indian Archives regularly. It will be much better if the State Archives may send their material to the National Archives, so that The Indian Archives" may be brought out either every month or at least after every three month.

(P) Establishment of a full-fleged Department of Archives in Assam

(16) Resolution by Dr. P.C.Chaudhury

"Resolved that a full-fleged Department of Assam State Archives be established with properly trained members of the Staff, to be located at Gauhati, preferably attached to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, as a seperate Wing with a Director of State Archives."

Explanatory Note

The Regional Records Survey Committee for Assam was sponsored a years back under the auspicies of the Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, Gauhati, and a few important records have already been collected and preserved therein; (b) All nature of records have been and are being preserved under an Officer, Keeper of the Records at the Secretariat, now shifted to the capital at Dispur; (c) There are also a few manuscripts and records at the Assam State Museum and at the Kamarupa Anusandhan Samiti Library at Gauhati; (d) So far as I know, records are available also in Private custodies, at scattered places of the State, including those at the Records Rooms and Offices of the District Magistrates; (e) The Scholars and those engaged in research works find it difficult to consult the records they want to do as these are not preserved at a centrally located place; (f) The members of the Staff, in charge of the records at the Secretariat, I think, are not adequately equipped with knowledge in helping the researchers; (g) All the aforesaid disadvantages call for the establishment of a full-fleged Department of State Archives; (h) I already submitted a Scheme for the said purpose, which may have been now lying with the Education Department.

Standing Committee's views:

Full-fleged State Archives has not yet been set up in Assam, though Secretariat Record-room has been functioning as such since 1953, under the care of an officer as termed the Keeper of records. A scheme involving an expenditure of Rs.1 lakh for setting up of State Archives

at Dispur has been included in the current year's (1975-76) annual plan and a State Archives will be established. The plan and estimate for a new record building at Dispur has been approved and the work of construction is being taken up shortly. The question whether the newly established State Archives would be attached to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian studies, Gauhati or would function under the present Keeper of Records, is in a matter for the Assam Government to decide.

(Q) : Microfilm of important records in the State Archives

(17) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that the National Archives of India be asked to microfilm, in a phased manner, all pre-1947 important political records housed in various State Archives Offices in the country."

Explanatory Note

Most of the State Archives offices in the country are not provided with microfilming facilities and it is not possible for them to microfilm their important collections pertaining to pre-1947 political records. The State Archives of Jammu & Kashmir houses very important political records which are available only at Punjab Record Office, Lahore and London Record Office and it is necessary to get these records microfilmed in the interest of research. Similarly, there are very important political records pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir State in the London Record Office which are not available with us. Arrangements for their microfilming shall also have to be done by the National Archives of India.